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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ISRAELI/WORLD AIRWAYS JOINT VENTURE IN IRAN

REF: STATE 16195 AND TEL AVIV 0733 (NOTAL)

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL, DAVID MENDELSON, WORLD AIRWAYS VICE PRESIDENT, ALSO TALKED TO ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IAI) ABOUT A POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE IN IRAN. IAI EXECUTIVES HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED WORLD AIRWAYS THAT IAI WAS BIDDING ON \$800 MILLION AIRCRAFT REPAIR FACILITY PROJECT IN IRAN AND HAD ASKED IF WORLD AIRWAYS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION. SINCE IAI WANTED LOW VISIBILITY IN IRAN, WORLD AIRWAYS WOULD PARTICIPATE AS QUOTE SENIOR PARTNER UNQUOTE. WORLD AIRWAYS WOULD, IN TURN, SUBCONTRACT TO U.S. COMPANY ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITY FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT UP TO AND INCLUDING 747'S.

2. MENDELSON INFORMED EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS HAD GONE WELL AND THAT IAI BELIEVES IT HAS 50/50 CHANCE OF WINNING CONTRACT. MENDELSON WILL ARRIVE IN TEHRAN FEB 1 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIANS. HE HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR IAI'S AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE DIVISION, NOTING THAT WORLD AIRWAYS HOPES BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP CAN BE ESTABLISHED GOING BEYOND IRANIAN PROJECT IN QUESTION. (NOTE: WORLD AIRWAYS IS PROVIDING AIR TRANSPORT OF EQUIPMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SINAI FIELD MISSION).

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